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For : DIALYSIS MACHINE WITH A DEVICE FOR

For : DIALYSIS MACHINE WITH A DEVICE FOR PREPARING DIALYSIS SOLUTIONS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, before line 1, insert the following:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/281,909, filed on March 31, 1999,--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 10-19 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claims 10-19 having been canceled without prejudice, claims 1-9 are now pending in this application. It is respectfully submitted that the present invention is new, non-

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obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of these claims is therefore respectfully requested.

By:

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE".

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

A new paragraph has been added on page 1, before line 1.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 10-19 have been canceled.